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From: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command  
To: All GFRs and G-GFRs Providing Oversight on Naval Contracts  
Subj: POLICY CLARIFICATION OF USN AND USMC ORDNANCE SERVICE GUIDANCE  
Ref: (a) DCMINST 8210-1D / NAVAIRINST 3710.1H  
(b) OPNAVINST 8023.24  
(c) MCO 8023.3

1. Purpose. All personnel assigned to handle ordnance aboard a USN or USMC base/post/camp/station (BPCS) must have the appropriate qualifications and certifications for protection of the aircraft and safety of personnel. Per reference (a), paragraph G.1.65.2 (pg 105), a gap in Service Guidance has been identified for ordnance handling aboard USMC installations (BPCS). The current ordnance Service Guidance listed in reference (a), OPNAVINST 8023.24D, only recognizes U.S. Navy personnel and installations (ashore or afloat). It does not directly reference the use of Marine Corps Order (MCO) 8023.3 aboard USMC installations (BPCS).

2. Policy Clarification. If not already stated in the contract, contracts requiring ordnance handling in direct support of military aircraft or ordnance personnel on a USMC installation (BPCS) will utilize reference (c), MCO 8023.3 series, "Personnel Qualification and Certification Program for Class V Ammunition and Explosives" as applicable Service Guidance.

3. For USN personnel and installations (BPCS), the policy remains unchanged and OPNAVINST 8023.24D is applicable per reference (a).

4. This policy clarification is valid indefinitely until paragraph G.1.65.2 of reference (a) is updated.

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